

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

This following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A test field system, including at least one test strip with a test field, and a measuring device having a test strip receiver for measuring the test field, the test strip receiver including a support surface for the test strip and positioning means for holding the test strip inserted in the strip receiver so that at least a section of the test strip containing the test field is held in a definite position relative to the support surface, the test field system comprising the strip receiver having two holding means spaced from one another on edge areas of the support surface for holding fast associated edges of the test strip substantially adjacent the support surface, wherein the support surface in a the middle area between the holding means is vertically displaced from the edge areas such that the test field of a test strip inserted in the test strip receiver is spaced apart from the support surface.

12. (Currently amended) A test strip system, according to Claim 11, further characterized in that the support surface in said middle area has a projection supporting the test field of the test strip in spaced apart relationship from the support surface.

13. (Currently amended) A test strip system, including at least one flexible test strip with a test field, and a measuring device for measuring the test field, the measuring device having a strip receiver including a support surface for the test strip and positioning means for securing the position of the test strip inserted into the strip receiver so that at least one section of the test strip containing the test field is held at a definite position relative to the support surface, the test strip system comprising the test strip receiver having an outer

insertion end and an inner end, a spring arm extending outwardly from the support surface toward the inner end of the strip receiver that is elastically deflectable in a direction toward the support surface, and a counter-pressure surface overlying the spring arm and spaced apart therefrom, the counter-pressure surface extending generally parallel to the direction of the spring arm wherein the spring arm engages an end portion of the test strip inserted in the strip receiver urging the test strip against the counter-pressure surface thereby securing the position of the test strip relative to the strip receiver.

14. (Previously presented) A test strip system according to Claim 13, wherein the spring arm includes a detent projection for reception in a detent recess defined by the test strip .

15. (Previously presented) A test strip system including a test strip with a test field, and a measuring device for measuring the test strip, the measuring device having a test strip receiver including a support surface for the test strip and positioning means for securing the position of the test strip inserted in the strip receiver such that at least a portion of the test strip containing the test field assumes a definite position relative to the support surface , the test strip system comprising a pivotal clamping lever overlying the support surface and supported for a moment about an axis parallel to the support surface, the clamping lever including a clamping arm biased toward the support surface and engageable with a surface of the test strip opposite the support surface for securing the position of the test strip relative to the support surface.

16. (Previously presented) A test strip system according to Claim 15, further characterized in that the clamping arm has a detent projection for reception in a detent recess defined by the test strip .

17. (Previously presented) A test strip system according to Claim 15, further characterized in that the clamping arm of the clamping lever is connected with a second lever arm forming an actuating arm against which a spring works and biases the clamping arm toward the support surface in a clamping position.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously presented) A test strip system according to Claim 15, wherein the clamping arm defines a groove in a surface thereof facing the support surface for guiding the test strip during insertion thereof in the strip receiver.

20. (Currently amended) A test strip system according to Claim 19, wherein the clamping arm further comprises opposing edge flanges adjacent the groove, the edge flanges received in complementary recesses defined in the support surface ~~by the~~ when the clamping arm is in said clamping position.

21-23. (Cancelled)